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1. DURING HIS VISIT TO

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HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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BUREAU DIRECTOR AND SECTION CHIEFS OF THE

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DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS FORCEFULLY STATED THE AGENCY'S

CONTINUED INTENTION TO PROTECT AND KEEP SECRET ITS LIAISON RE-
LATIONSHIPS WITH FRIENDLY INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, DESPITE EFFORTS
IN THE U.S. ON THE PART OF INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEES TO DELVE INTO

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THE AGENCY'S SOURCES OF INFORMATION. SUCH ASSURANCES COMING
FROM AN OFFICIAL OF POSITION AND EXPERIENCE HAD A

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MARKED AND FAVORABLE IMPACT ON ALL OF THE OFFICIALS WHO CAME
IN CONTACT WITH DURING THE VISIT. ALSO

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DESCRIBED THE GROWING REACTION IN THE U.S. AGAINST IRRESPONSIBLE
REVELATIONS IN THE MEDIA OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES--A
REACTION WHICH HAS BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT PARTIALLY BY THE ASSASSIN-

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OF REPRESENTATIVES TO VOTE FOR PUBLICATION OF THE PIKE REPORT, AND THE RECENT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT FORD'S STRONG DEFENSE BUDGET, AS EXAMPLES OF A CHANGING AND FAVORABLE CLIMATE IN THE CONGRESS. IN ALL OF HIS PRESENTATIONS, ¹ [] ARGUED PERSUASIVELY THAT THE AGENCY HAD WEATHERED THE RECENT LONG PERIOD OF ADVERSE CRITICISM AND HAD COME OUT OF THIS PERIOD WITH ITS CREDIBILITY LARGELY INTACT IN THE MINDS OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. HE STRESSED THAT DESPITE ALL OF THE CRITICISM OF THE AGENCY, NO AGENCY OFFICIAL HAD BEEN INDICTED FOR ACTIONS CARRIED OUT IN THE COURSE OF AGENCY BUSINESS.

2. IN DISCUSSING U.S. RESPONSIBILITIES AS A GLOBAL POWER, ¹ [] STATED THAT ALL SIGNS POINT TO THE FACT THAT THE U.S. IS EMERGING FROM THE TRAUMAS OF WATERGATE AND ANTI-AGENCY REVELATIONS AND IS BUILDING A NEW CONSENSUS WHICH WILL ENABLE THE U.S. TO MEET SOVIET CHALLENGES IN THE FUTURE. HE CITED []

BRESHNEV'S STATEMENT THAT DETENTE DOES NOT PRECLUDE SOVIET SUPPORT OF REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS, AS TURNING POINTS IN THE GROWING AMERICAN AWARENESS OF THE SOVIET CHALLENGE. HE SAID THAT RECENT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT'S STRONG DEFENSE

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BUDGET CAN BE TAKEN AS AN INDICATION THAT SOVIET MOVES TO UNDER-
MINE U.S. AND WESTERN INTERESTS WILL NOT GO UNCHALLENGED IN THE
FUTURE.

3. AT THE REQUEST OF ¹ [REDACTED] CITED TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE AGENCY'S INTEREST IN MONITORING
DEVELOPMENTS IN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF RECENT INDICATIONS OF SOVIET
AND PRC INTEREST IN THE AREA. ¹ [REDACTED] MADE A STRONG PITCH TO

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[REDACTED] FOR MORE INFORMATION ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
AREA AND THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED UP BY STATION IN SUBSEQUENT DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT HE WOULD DO WHAT HE CAN
TO HELP US MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS IN [REDACTED]

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4. ¹ [REDACTED] CONVEYED TO OUR [REDACTED] COUNTERPARTS HIS AND

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THE AGENCY'S APPRECIATION FOR THEIR EXCELLENT SUPPORT AND COOPER-
ATION ON INTELLIGENCE MATTERS, PARTICULARLY DURING THE RECENT
DIFFICULT PERIOD. HE CHARACTERIZED SUCH COOPERATION AS NATURAL

[REDACTED]
THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE DIRECTORS OF [REDACTED] BOTH CHARACTER-
IZED THEIR LIAISON RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE AGENCY AS HIGHLY
SATISFACTORY TO THEM.

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5. SINCE ¹ [] S DEPARTURE FROM [] STATION HAS
RECEIVED UNIFORMLY FAVORABLE COMMENT ON THE VISIT FROM THE
DIRECTORS OF [] AS WELL AS FROM OTHER LIAISON OFFICERS
WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE VISIT. ¹ [] INFORMAL, PERSONAL
AND ANECDOTAL APPROACH HIT A RESPONSIVE CHORD []
[] WHO APPEAR TO HAVE APPRECIATED THE FRANKNESS AND
SOPHISTICATION OF ¹ [] PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS. AL-
THOUGH STATION'S [] COUNTERPARTS HAVE NEVER WAVERED IN
THEIR COOPERATIVENESS WITH THE AGENCY, EVEN DURING THE DARK DAYS
OF LAST YEAR, THEY MUST HAVE HAD THEIR PRIVATE DOUBTS.

¹ [] S VISIT HAS GONE A LONG WAY TO REASSURE THE []
[] THAT THEIR CONFIDENCE HAS NOT BEEN MISPLACED. E2IMPDET

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1. General Vernon A. Walters